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Recent SU graduates navigate troubled job market

BY COREY NETHEN
Staff Writer

Outside the safe and nurturing bubble of college there lies a place where many have entered and only some have succeeded: the job market.

Before students start filling out withdrawal forms in exchange for McDonald's applications, they should take a deeper look at their resources and how successful graduates have used them.

When graduating seniors go to pick up their caps and gowns in late April, they are asked to fill out a brief survey. This survey is sponsored by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, and later studied by SU Career Services. The results of the spring 2011 surveys showed that over 52 percent of soon-to-be graduates reported that they were still seeking employment.

Accounting majors showed the highest rate of full-time employment, with over 41 percent, while a handful of other majors including Spanish, physical education and art reported no current full-time work.

"I'm worried about the real work world, while at the same time I'm not," said junior Andrea Danton. "I'm in the medical field, and there's always a need for people to help others."

Among this data there exists a trend: over 85 percent of accounting majors reported that they had an internship of some kind.

"You really can't overestimate the power of an internship," said Director of Career Services Rebecca Emery. "Take advantage of every resource you're presented."

At the end of the month, SU will host one of its annual job fairs. This year, more than 56 companies will be present, 40 percent of which are interested in all majors.

"Something I've noticed is that students think that just because they're not out of school yet, they don't need to look for jobs," Emery said. "Hunt now if you're graduating soon. Play your numbers and be smart about it."

In times of recession, some students will consider graduate school as an option. Over 14 percent of spring '11 graduates stated they were "furthering their education."

"Students should go to grad school for the right reasons; passion and dedication," Emery said. "Be careful of going for the wrong reasons and acquiring more debt."

According to a recent Fox News report, "the government said the U.S. economy added 243,000 jobs in January and that unemployment fell to 8.3 percent, its lowest point in three years."

Spring '11 graduate and marketing major Mark Priebe is a living example of how hard work pays off.

After 15 job interviews and only three months after his May graduation, Priebe was employed. Being one of five employees at Property Management Resource, Priebe has learned much about the job market.

"Networking is huge. Last Friday I had coffee with a SU alumnus. I connected with him on Linkedin through the Purdue (School of Business) group, and he was able to help me with my business," Priebe said. "People are definitely interested in helping out fellow Gulls."

Whether it's using Career Services' eRecruiting page (where students can request industry insight and networking help from successful alumni), tailor-making their resume to brandish the experience that best suits the job or simply meeting someone new, Sea Gulls should have no worries about leaving SU's bubble; as long as they've planned the right migration route.

If you go:
WHAT. Job and InternshipFair
WHERE. Wicomico room, GUC
WHEN. February 29, 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Officials draw policy lines on chalking

Justin Odendhal photo

Senior Garrett Connell chalks for his WXSU Radio show, The ConnShow, outside GUC last Monday. Dean of Students Ed Cowell met with student organization leaders to create a policy on chalking.

BY CALEB GUENTHER
Staff Writer

When tensions between members of Salisbury University's Atheist Club and CRU hit an all-time high last semester thanks to various messages written in chalk around campus, it left many students and officials wondering whether or not either side had taken their actions too far.

Last week, Dean of Students Ed Cowell met with representatives from several student organizations to once and for all define the chalky lines of civil discourse.

In reaction to last semester's events, Cowell put together a draft of proposed legislation to be added to the student code pertaining to chalking, which he revealed to students at a meeting held last Thursday.

Some of the provisions include making certain areas, such as under the pergola leading up to the University Center, the Route 13 underpass and all of East Campus, off limits to chalking by any person or group. Chalk used to write the messages in permitted areas must also be water-soluble and in a location where rain can wash the messages away.

> "We are a community of learners, and we need to challenge ourselves to broaden our windows of belief." - Dean of Students Ed Cowell

One of the more controversial topics in the proposal concerned what messages will or will not be considered appropriate. Last fall, several students found themselves to be the subject of campus-wide debate involving messages that many found to be personally offensive.

However, the proposition as it is currently written sets no specific guidelines for the content of the chalking, but will rather be taken on a case by case basis.

If there is controversial material written by a group or someone is caught removing or modifying another group's message, the action the university will take against the student or students will vary.

Depending on the severity of the situation, students responsible for the infraction could receive nothing but a warning or could be asked to leave the university for a period of time.

Despite past tensions, Cowell said he hopes the proposed legislature may help calm the friction between student groups in the future.

"We are a community of learners, and we need to challenge ourselves to broaden our windows of belief," Cowell said.

With the new provisions being added to the code of conduct, no group will have to worry about their message being altered.

Ideally, everyone will be free to speak his or her mind without crossing the dangerously thin line between freedom of speech and respect for differing beliefs.

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Professor Pandey wins $2M grant

Pandey said she will use the funds to assist teachers with students who speak English as a second language.

BY ALI IANNUCCI
Staff Writer

In an ever-diversifying country, schools are experiencing a growing need to accommodate student's learning English as a second language.

Photo of Dr. Anjali Pandey, courtesy of SU publications

For this reason, Salisbury University professor Anjali Pandey was awarded a $2M grant from the U.S. Department of Education to train teachers of English-learning students.

Pandey proposed a project that would provide Delmarva teachers with the skills needed to teach students who are learning English as a second language. It focuses on assisting students in areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Such a program is necessary due to the rising numbers of English-Language Learners (ELL) in Delmarva schools.

Studies are finding that ELL students are scoring below special-needs students on standardized tests, particularly at the middle and high school level.

"There is a huge jump in language between elementary and middle school," said Pandey, who is a professor of applied linguistics. "For ELL students, there needs to be a target on the language of science and math."

Students become frustrated when they cannot understand the lesson, which leads to a negative attitude towards school and a higher drop-out rate.

> "Her programs are a marvelous opportunity for teachers in the area." - Chair of English department Elizabeth Curtin

Unfortunately, most schools cannot afford to train and hire ELL teachers, so the pressure falls on the classroom teacher. In a survey of more than 400 Eastern Shore teachers last year, an overwhelming demand for such training was found.

Pandey's program covers topics such as intercultural learning, second language acquisition and STEM literacy. Training also includes English as a Second Language program management and methodology.

The grant is the most recent of three federal grants that Pandey has earned, all of which have provided training for ELL teachers. The majority of ELL students who were impacted by these programs are now performing at the level of their peers.

"It's really amazing that she's been able to do this three times," said Elizabeth Curtin, chair of SU's English department. "Her programs are a marvelous opportunity for teachers in the area."

Pandey has always been a firm believer in teachers, since her father taught in Africa for 30 years.

"In Nigeria, teachers are the highest-paid professionals," she said. "It is a shame that teachers get so little respect (in America)."

Pandey encouraged teachers to complete the programs by creating incentives, such as graduate certificates. She also maintains teachers' schedules, allowing them to keep their jobs while completing their training.

"Instead of taking three courses at once, teachers take one course, complete it, (and) then move on to the next, which would not be possible without external funding," Pandey said.

One hundred teachers were invited to take the program. The goal is to get at least one certified ELL teacher in each Eastern Shore school.

After completing the training, teachers will go back to their schools and share their knowledge with their colleagues. As they put their new tools to use, such as by modifying lesson plans to accommodate ELL students, student performance will increase.

"We want to see zero drop-outs and 100 percent of students move on to college," Pandey said. "College has become a necessity."

Redistricting for minorities

BY RAMIN GOUHARI
City Correspondent

Mayor James Ireton held an open forum on Wednesday night at the Salisbury Fire Department to address concerns and questions about three proposed plans for city council redistricting in the Salisbury metropolitan area.

Frank McKenzie, geographic information systems coordinator for Wicomico County, designed these three proposals as potential solutions to Salisbury's current districting inadequacies, which allocate an overwhelming 80 percent of focus to the predominantly white second district.

In the last 10 years the population of Salisbury has risen by 30,607 citizens with minorities now representing 44 percent of the total population. Mayor Ireton said he feels that the voice of Salisbury's 34.8 percent African American population deserves an adequate platform from which to express their concerns, desires and issues.

Though Mayor Ireton supports all three proposals, he said he hopes the second will gain traction. This plan would divide the city into five election districts, costing around $75,000 to add two seats, extending the city council from five members to seven.

Some believe many aspects of these proposals still need further analysis before a responsible decision can be agreed upon.

"It's important to remember the voting rights act. We also have to examine voting ages and trend analysis for the proposed areas," said City Council President Terry Cohen. "These are all important factors we need to consider."

Adversely, some simply see redistricting as an unnecessary means to shake up a system that has been working adequately for years. Proposition three holds to the same current electoral system but simply expands the district one boundaries to represent the mandated 20 percent of the city's population.

"Dividing people into districts based on race is wrong," said Patrick Hannon, 50-year Salisbury resident and supporter of proposition three. "Our biggest problem is politicians that are worried about getting reelected."

Though Mayor Ireton was at times commended for proposition two, the overall tone of the forum seemed somewhat bleak and uninspired, ending an hour early due to a lack of attendance.

"This meeting should have been bigger,"said Salisbury resident Gale Riley. "An issue as important as this should be discussed with more people."

Despite the Mayor's efforts, many in the community have all but given up on the political process as the intricacies inherent to understanding all that redistricting entails flood the typical voter with a sea of percentages, amounts and ratios.

The Mayor said he hopes that this meeting will have addressed some concerns but hinted that more meetings about these propositions may be necessary before the issue is ultimately decided on.

CRIME BEAT

2/10/12
2:15 - 5 p.m.
ARREST WARRANT
SU Student served with an arrest warrant for drug distribution.

2/10/12
7 - 7:30 p.m.
THEFT
Student reported his unattended coat stolen from the bookshelves at Commons.

2/11/10
5:30 - 5:45 a.m.
ALCOHOL VIOLATION
Student found in possession of an alcoholic beverage near Blackwell Library. Student was issued a citation for underage possession of alcohol.

2/11/12
1 - 1:15 a.m.
ASSAULT
Saferide operator reported an assault that occurred inside the vehicle near Honeysuckle Drive.

Eastern Shore eyed for offshore wind farm

BY KATIE MERWIN
Staff Writer

With the search for alternative energy sources becoming more prevalent in today's politics, many Salisbury University students entered the debate this week to lobby one option: the power of wind.

This week, interest meetings pertaining to the push for the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012 were held on campus, attracting students and professors alike to learn about and discuss the issue of allowing the building of a wind farm off the shore of Maryland's coast.

UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe Flickr
New legislation is considering offshore wind farms, like this one in Denmark, to be built off the coast of Maryland as part of a shift to alternative energy sources.

The U.S.'s dependence on foreign oil has caused much controversy in the past few decades. Many argue that using more natural sources of energy would be prudent in making America a more self-reliant nation, in addition to it being much healthier for the environment.

Alternative energies, such as offshore wind turbines, would reduce the amount of fossil fuels used, and thus decrease carbon emissions put forth into the atmosphere, the suspected cause of global warming and other environmental problems.

Offshore wind energy is produced by turbines established in the ocean off of coastal areas. According to the Outer Continental Shelf Alternative Energy Programmatic environmental impact statement, offshore wind turbines "are used in a number of countries to harness the energy of the moving air over the oceans and convert it to electricity."

The legislation proposes offshore wind turbine farms to be built off the coast of Maryland and would require businesses and utilities to buy a certain percentage of its needed energy from said farms. The bill has incited demonstrations from supporters, who are passionate about the wind farms, claiming that the benefits outweigh the detriments.

Those in opposition of the bill cite an array of reasons for preventing the construction of wind turbines.

For example, according to Natural Life Magazine, turbines kill between 40,000 and 70,000 birds per year. Judith Stribling, professor of biology at Salisbury University, said "Windmills have visual impacts and greatly threaten bat and bird populations."

Land-based wind farms have been popping up across the country for years. Many believe they take up too much space and interrupt natural landscapes. Due to criticism, ocean - based wind farms seem like a good alternative to many.

"I like that the windmills will be out of sight," said Floyd Erickson, SU biology professor. "My home state of North Dakota is becoming a wind farm it seems, with huge windmills sprouting up all over the prairie. I'd rather they were not there, but it makes sense to harvest the wind."

Although there are pros and cons to every argument, offshore and land turbines used to produce energy generally receive positive reviews.

"To me, this is the greenest energy source," Stribling said.

Now that the bill has been drafted, lobbying for its institution is the only thing left for supporters to do. While there are many elements to take into consideration, it is undeniable that natural sources of energy are imperative.

Marketing students raise $100,000

BY MARY CAPPER
Staff Writer

Service learning has taken on a whole new meaning thanks to student projects directed by marketing professor Paula Morris, leading to donations adding up to over $100,000 for charity.

Morris, a teacher for Marketing 331, Advertising and Promotions, created the project several years ago, allowing her students to help the community by doing either a service project or raising awareness for their selected cause.

Last semester Morris had two classes of MKTG 331. The groups hosted various events including a bowling tournament and a fashion show.

Morris created the service learning aspect of her class because of her passion and "affinity for non-profit." Morris said that about 10 years ago she was a founder for a local organization, Kids of Honor, an organization to prevent kids from dropping out of school.

Marketing student Beth Drager and her group put together an event of their own called "Bowling Extravaganza!" that supported the non-profit group Kids of Honor. The event raised over $1,000, and one bowler even donated enough money to sponsor a high school student for a year.

"We found out that organizing an event was nerve-racking," Drager said. "This project made me take the things I had learned in class and apply them to an actual hands-on event."

Becca Stinner's group created a fashion show to raise money for their chosen local organization, Shelia's Kids. The first time event raised over $300.

The group wanted to be creative and not host an event which other students had done in the past, such as having a bar or restaurant sponsor them.

"The fashion show was perfect because we could involve the kids in the fashion show and give them something to look forward to," Stinner said. "It was very stressful planning and organizing everyone, but over all we had a lot of fun and got to meet new people."

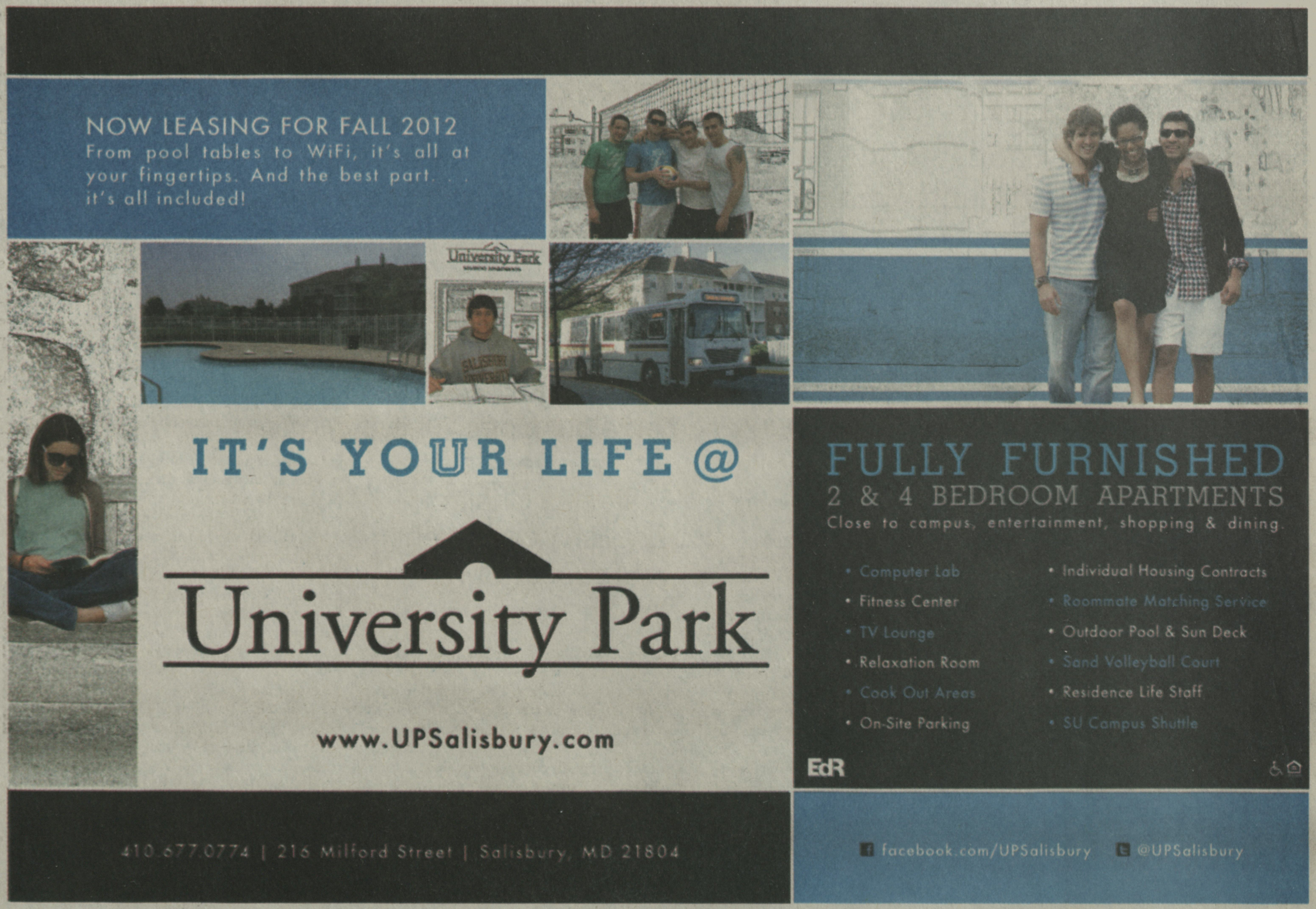
So far, the project has been highly successful. This past semester marked the 100,000th dollar raised by Morris' marketing classes for charity.

Morris said she finds the project important for her class is because it gives students an out-of-classroom experience.

"We can learn how the big guys advertise by looking at their advertising, but the real challenge comes from supporting an organization without a budget," Morris said. "Students have to plan, promote and execute a project that they have created."

Frank Shipper, the chair of the marketing and management departments, said he thinks service learning can teach students a lot.

"Service learning gets students to do and remember through an out-of-classroom experience," Shipper said. "Students get more out of on hands activities, and we get to help the community, so it turns out to be a double positive outcome."



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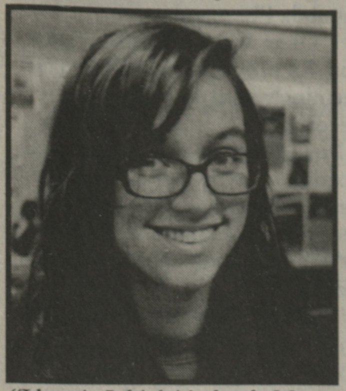
Overheard: Do you love or hate Valentines Day?

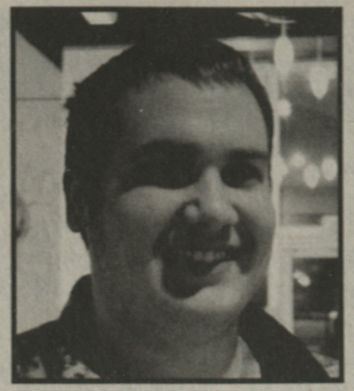
Photos by Ashley Sisselman and James Townsend



"I hate it. I think it's dumb. Men should buy flowers any day."
- Kristina Miedzinski, senior

"I like Valentines day because it's the one day I can be sappy and it's not awkward."
- Robb White, senior

"I hate Valentines day! I've never had a valentine so I'm having an Un-Valentines day."
- Ashley Adams, junior



"I love it because of my girlfriend."
- Hunter Lee

"I like Valentines day. It's happy and loving."
- Carla Casteel

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Rules of the bar scene

BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

It's been hard to ignore the immense growth and success of Salisbury bars in recent years. While some may attribute this change to clever marketing and awesome drink deals, it's possible many students go out of curiosity for life outside the world of house parties. Before you go making your big bar debut, make sure to read over these Bar Basics...

1. **Beware of Bouncers-** Whether your making the often attempted but rarely successful ID pass back or simply just trying to avoid being kicked out of the bar, understanding what subcategory of bouncer your dealing will certainly end up being your best bet for bar success.

-The Strictly Business- If it were this guy's bar, he would totally let you in. But alas, it's not his bar, it's the bar owner's, and they are almost always present for busy nights and events. And until you're the one signing his paychecks, the odds of you getting away with any shenanigans are slim. The best way is to give the bouncer a heads up before, then create some sort of wild diversion that distracts his supervisors and go in for the kill.

-The Out for Blood- Alright let's face it; the burly guy with the side burns whose mercy you have found yourself at probably wasn't a total babe magnet back in his younger years, and now he's out for blood. Pretty-girl blood. Whether you're trying to slip your fake past him or dodge a cover, keep in mind that he sees denying you entrance as a chance to get revenge on all those hot chicks that weren't having it back in the day. Strike up a genuine conversation and watch him melt before your eyes.

-The Old School- These guys do what they can to keep the lady count up inside and live for that drunk guy who tries to cut in line or skip paying. These guards are almost always extremely experienced and will drop-kick the first inebriated jerk they come across without even blinking. If you spot one on your next adventure, play it cool and pay up.

2. **The cops can still arrest you-** As almost all college bars require people to be of age to even enter, police have much less involvement once you are through the doors. Sure, this is relaxing while you are there having a good time, but don't be so naïve to think they aren't waiting in the parking lot for people to attempt to drive home nine beers deep. Do us all a favor and call a cab, friend or Saferide.

3. **This is not a kegger-** At bars, there is rarely an endless supply provided for a flat fee; they wouldn't make any money that way! You're paying for every drink you order, and even if you don't remember drinking them in the morning, your bar tab certainly will.

Technology's grip on our everyday lives

BY PETE HICKS
Editorial Editor

Every part of life for college students today is wrapped up in the world of technology.

When we go to class, we play with our phones. When we are doing homework, we are creeping on Facebook. The television is on while we are asleep and awake. The whole world runs on electricity.

But what do we do when something happens to that technology? We panic. If your phone breaks or your computer crashes, it can seriously impact the way you live your life.

Without a phone a college student is at a serious disadvantage when it comes to every part of having a social life. How do you know when to go get food with your friends when you can't text them and ask when you're meeting? If you're trying to go out, how can you know when to meet?

When you're feeling awkward what do you start playing with to distance yourself from the situation if you don't have a phone? The world is a much bleaker place without a way to constantly communicate with others.

But even worse than losing a phone is when you lose your computer. If your computer is gone, you are basically shut out from the world. Facebook is gone. You don't have Wikipedia to do homework. And if it's more than your Internet that is down and your whole computer is shot, then you don't even have Microsoft word to type anything up. In other words you are doomed.

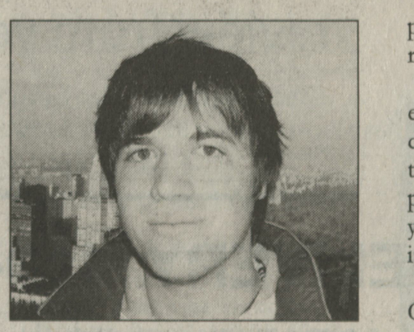
My laptop recently crashed and that situation resulted in an intense amount of action in a short time. Multiple calls to Dell support left me frustrated while trying to understand an obviously Indian man named "Roger" whose English was so confusing that I became more frustrated than I was before the call for help.

After trying to understand what was wrong, I had to call my parents to get them to find all the programs for my computer that I had left at home and mail them to me. The whole situation wouldn't have been nearly as threatening if I didn't have a lot of work to do the day the laptop crashed.

The experience of losing my connection to technology and what it meant to my life was terrifying. I realized how dependent I was on the intangible world of the Internet. Even more frightening was the fact that even though I know how trapped I am, I still really wanted my computer to be fixed.

The final message here isn't to move away from technology, just don't take it for granted. Protect your computer and keep your phone safe. Even though we consider these things commonplace, they are still fragile and integral parts of our lives.

Campus crosswalks 'useless' for pedestrians



BY RUSSELL GERTSCH
Staff Writer

In the four years that I have been on this campus, there is one issue that is still unresolved; the daily game of "Frogger" that many of the campus community must play in order to walk to campus. The crosswalks around main campus are practically useless.

Yes, they may be clearly marked with lines, rumble strips, bright signs on the side of the road and even signs in the middle of the road, but they do not help at all.

Salisbury motorists, students included, are terrible at yielding to pedestrians. Pedestrians have the right of way in most cases.

At the corner of East College Avenue and Route 13 is the highest danger area for pedestrians. Motorists absolutely refuse to stop for pedestrians. If a vehicle stops for you, consider yourself lucky because it will probably never happen again.

When the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce was asked about the dangerous crosswalk situation they responded, in typical public relations fashion, that "something should be done." Of course something needs to be done, just ask the hundreds of students who put their lives on the line crossing the roadways to campus each day.

If you did ask them, they will tell you to put up the flashing crosswalk lights that you find at the Intersection of Bateman Street and on South Division street right next to Old Zoo. I remember when they first put those in, it got your attention for a while, but after that it has proven to be ineffective.

Maybe it's the fact that the color yellow to drivers means slow down but don't stop. What if we put up red flashing lights? Would motorists stop then? The answer would still probably be no.

> Motorists absolutely refuse to stop for pedestrians. If a vehicle stops for you, consider yourself lucky because it will probably never happen again.

Drivers have become accustomed to bad driving habits that they have learned through their parents, friends or from doing what other drivers do.

The Salisbury Chamber of Commerce commented on this, saying that a city wide campaign needs to be launched to promote driver awareness of pedestrians in marked crosswalk areas. Personally, I will believe it when I see it happen. It's still not going to be enough.

On West College Avenue, in front of James M. Bennett Middle School and James M. Bennett High School, they installed speed cameras very recently. The speed cameras have been very effective at making people actually obey the speed limit on the road.

I suggest we install cameras in the crosswalk areas and follow the same premise.

When students are trying to cross in the legal crosswalk areas, the cameras will punish any drivers who violate the law by sending them a nice fine in the mail. If we are to see any change in our safety, we need to continually demand increased crosswalk security.

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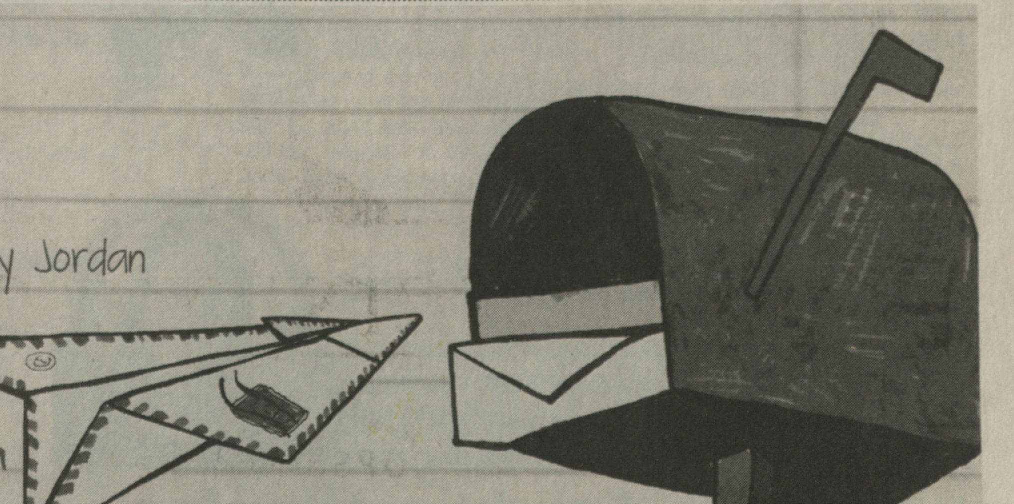

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Facebook group wants dog to win Oscar

BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

Over 80 years ago, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences drafted the rules for the nomination process of the Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars. During the stages of early development, the Academy specifically made a rule for the acting categories that states that only human actors will be eligible for nominations in those categories.

In the 1920s, America's favorite actor was a dog named Rin Tin Tin, who starred in 27 movies during the decade. According to Susan Orlean in her book "Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend," Rin Tin Tin got enough votes to win the first ever Best Actor Oscar in 1929.

However, the Academy refused to nominate him because it was trying to establish itself as a serious new awards program, and they thought it would be an embarrassment if a dog won the first Academy Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role.

Eighty-four years later some people are calling on the Academy to consider non-human roles for acting awards. A loveable Jack Russell Terrier named Uggie has a prominent role in one of this year's Best Picture nominees, "The Artist."

Director Michel Hazanavicius told Reuters that "The Artist" would not have been the same movie without Uggie. In December, fans launched a Facebook campaign named "Consider Uggie" to try to convince Academy voters to nominate the adorable pooch. Many movie critics agree with the campaign and are saying that they seriously believed that Uggie should have been considered for a nomination in the Best Supporting Actor category.

Why not? What does the Academy have to lose? It has already established itself as a serious awards show that will have its 84th ceremony later this month and has already embarrassed itself when "Shakespeare in Love" beat "Saving Private Ryan" for Best Picture of 1998.

In "The Artist" Uggie plays the main character's, George Valentin's, best friend. Many critics say that Uggie stole the show in the silent film. Hazanavicius said that the movie would really have lost a lot if the dog was not present.

"Uggie is really essential in the entire storytelling process…George Valentin is very selfish and eccentric, but the fact is the dog loves him throughout the movie…So the audience trusts the dog and if the dog follows him, he (Valentin) must be a good person," Hazanavicius said.

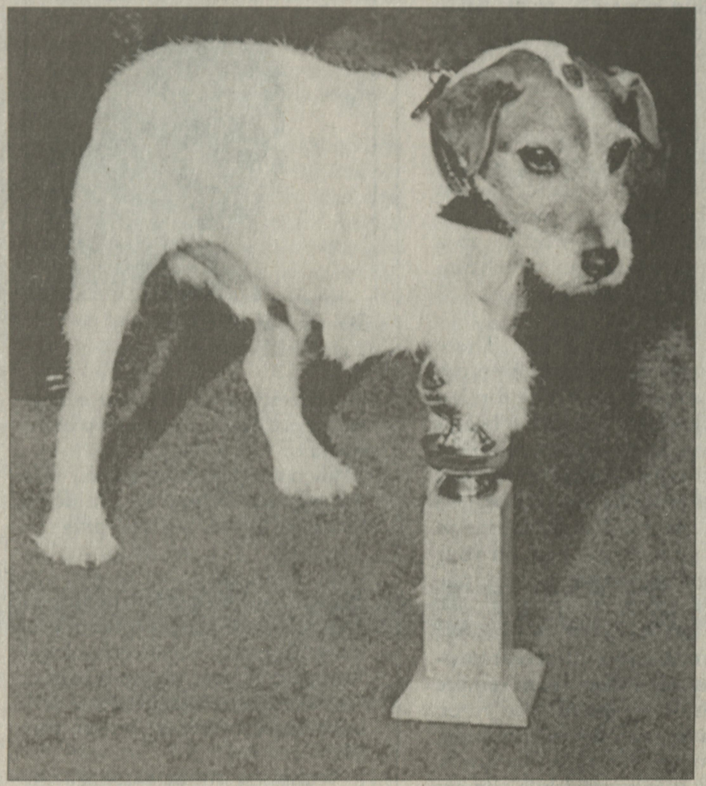
Actor James Cromwell, who plays a smaller role in the film, told The Baltimore Sun that Uggie deserved to be nominated for Best Supporting Actor because he is "wonderfully trained and talented and is so far above the normal standards for an animal actor that he is able to hold his ground alongside the human actors."

He went on to suggest that if the Academy refuses to change its rules for acting categories, it should at least establish a new award for achievements of animals in film. Maybe the horses from "War Horse" could have joined Uggie as nominees had that category been made this year.

If the Academy continues to snub animals in the acting categories, it should at least give some acknowledgement to the people who train the dogs, cats, horses, monkeys and other animals that we see in film.

It takes a lot of tireless work and endless dedication by trainers to get the animals absolutely perfect for the big screen. Imagine how hard it must have been to train Buddy to play basketball in "Air Bud."

Even though Uggie failed to get a Best Supporting Actor nomination, "Consider Uggie" is still trying to convince the Academy to give him an honorary Oscar. Uggie will be at the Oscars because he is set to do a number with host Billy Crystal at the ceremony, which should be very nice to watch.



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Uggie, the Jack Russell Terrier from "The Artist," whose performance many thought was Oscar-worthy.

Pi Lam protests prejudice

BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

Kudos to Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity, Inc., for bravely opening a gateway of understanding with their open-mindedness.

Salisbury University is home to many organizations dedicated to providing awareness. SU's own Pi Lam chapter hosted a well-needed forum for International Elimination of Prejudice Day on Feb. 8.

As the name of the seminar implies, some very sensitive subjects were addressed during the two heated hours allotted for the forum. A double-edged sword wouldn't be sharp enough to cut the tension in the Wicomico Room.

Laughable stereotypes broke away from being simple ice breakers and quickly transformed into magnifying glasses for SU students' personal beliefs.

A number of SU's multicultural organizations filled the room, offering their members' individual insights for each topic. The range of diversity in attendance at the seminar promised an interesting night.

The audience included students from the Atheist Society to members of the CRU. Students from the Bisexual, Transgender, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Supporters group to other sororities, fraternities and ethnic oriented groups, such as African Student Association, were included.

Questions posed by the panel directed thought toward prevalent societal issues such as prejudice regarding race, religion, marriage, affirmative action and most notably, homosexuality.

But before a violent mob could break out, the professionalism of Pi Lam's discussion panel and the surprisingly receptive attitudes of opposing individuals' minimized rising emotions. SU students and Pi Lambda Phi members Shane Yeager, Orrin Webb Jr., Jeffrey Smith and T.J. Mowers headed the panel seemingly with ease and necessary decorum.

Prejudice shapes at least a small portion of every person's perspective for the simple reason that there are seven billion people with different opinions populating the planet.

That fact does not diminish the responsibility each person holds to respect one another. Though differences can temporarily separate groups of people, humanity will forever link those groups.

While unwavering prejudice is looked down on, making judgments are necessary to individual welfare. But as the International Elimination of Prejudice Day seminar demonstrated, understanding that people's lives and perspectives are equally significant is also necessary.

Events such as this give American society hope. They introduce acceptance, or at the very least reception, into the minds that will run the country in the future.

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Married professors share their stories

BY MARY CAPPER
Staff Writer

Married professors at the same school may seem rare, but Salisbury University has around 10 pairs of them.

Having a spouse in the workplace has pros and cons. A private life becomes very open, especially when both work in the same department. However, when one has a break, the other does too, allowing for travel or the chance to spend time together. And there's always someone to carpool with.

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Professors Richard and Charlotte England have come full circle since their own college days in Toronto, where they initially despised each other.

Richard would come to the Charlotte's residence hall to play Dungeons and Dragons with friends, but heckling Charlotte became a common occurrence.

Eventually they got over their differences and began dating. Charlotte said when they went out, "waitresses would just laugh at us." Charlotte wore penny loafers, long skirts and blouses; Richard wore mismatched clothing, jeans covered in words and even a bee keeper's suit on occasion.

Richard began working for the honors program in 2000. Five years later, Charlotte became an adjunct professor. They have been married for 15 years and have been in Salisbury for 10 years.

"It's wonderful working together," Charlotte said. "The students are like our family."

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One night in 1997 in a pub in Berkeley, Calif., Les Erickson met Patti Taranto.

After that night they started dating and got married in 2002. Les started applying to universities on the Eastern Shore and ended up in SU's biology department.

"In 2003 we had a child, bought a house and got a dog," Les said. "It was the most stressful things you could do, well besides dying or getting a divorce, all in one year."

Meanwhile, Patti raised their son at home. In 2008 she applied for a job in the biology department. She had two options for an office: a small isolated one without a window, or one next to her husband with a window.

"I picked it for the window," she said.

Biology students often have both professors at some point.

"We often leapfrog classes," Patti said. "A class I teach is a prerequisite for one of the classes he typically teaches and then I teach the class after that."

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Film junkies Elsie Walker and James Burton met in the Dallas Fortworth Airport during a film and history conference in 2004.

Burton said Walker stood out from the crowd.

"She was in a row of esteemed, button-upped, older gentlemen editors," Burton said.

The two shared many things in common. Before meeting in Dallas, both Walker and Burton had spent time in England and lived only an hour apart.

A year later they were together. They decided to get married in 2007.

"From then it was all logistics," Burton said. "It took nine months, and we had to get married before I got a job, but three days I moved here we got married."

Walker had already been working at SU, and Burton got a job at the university after they were married.

"I used to refuse to watch happy endings," Walker said. "But now I know that life's a movie."

Photo courtesy of Patti Erickson

Married for 10 years, biology professors Les and Patti Erickson pose with their son, Spencer.

Students say trip abroad was more than a vacation

Photo courtesy of Leslie Yarmo

Students smile for the camera in Herculeneum, an ancient city that was destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.

BY ALEX ROULAC
Staff Writer

The 14 students who traveled to Rome this past January gained more than course credits; they fulfilled a love for learning, built friendships and discovered personal life lessons that will last for years to come.

Professor Leslie Yarmo's winter study abroad program was based on Alberto Angela's book "A Day in the Life of Ancient Rome," directing students to visit sites from the book and act out scenes from a Ancient Roman mystery.

"The students would go back and forth between the archeological facts and standing in sites where these situations take place and used the characters from the mystery to apply the information so that they could really think about how those spaces were lived by those characters," Yarmo said.

A Costume Design and Theater Crafts Professor, Yarmo designed the three-week study abroad program for both theater and non-theater majors interested in learning about ancient Roman culture and how it relates to theater. Yarmo, who lived in Rome on and off for 20 years prior to teaching at Salisbury University, had connections that allowed the students to see things that they would not have seen on a regular tour of Rome.

Sophomore exercise science allied health major Chelsea Chmel said the focus of the trip was to learn about ancient Roman culture, architecture and ruins as well as opening their minds.

For both Chmel and sophomore computer science major Elaine Taylor, going on this trip fulfilled credits for the honors program as well as their personal reasons for going to Rome.

"I've always wanted to go to Italy," Taylor said. "I knew I wanted to do study abroad. I did not want to graduate without doing study abroad because so many people said it was the best experience of their life."

For Chmel, who is half Italian, being influenced by the culture through her family drove her decision to study abroad in Rome.

Yarmo made sure that every part of the trip was integrated. She said she wanted the students to understand both ancient and modern Italy and how American culture could be connected to ancient Rome.

"I made sure…to have my students meet young Italians and encourage them to socialize with the young Italians," Yarmo said.

A personal highlight for junior and conflict analysis and dispute resolution major Megan Rosario was visiting the studio of a major Italian television company, Rai.

"Everything was about ancient Rome, but we had one day were we looked at modern Italian television and toured it," Rosario said. "That was like one of my favorite days, even though that wasn't the focus of the class."

The students enjoyed the company of one another and the Italians they met during their stay. Chmel explained she was with a group of students who were excited to learn, got along with each other and became friends. Taylor went into detail about the bonds they had made with the local Italian students and said how they view Americans like their brothers and are just like them.

"I expected I was just going to go see all the cool sites and pretty much just come home, but like it was amazing" Taylor said. "I was just expecting to go places, kind of like a vacation… but it was a lot more than that. It was an experience I'll never forget."

CLUB Spotlight

Photography Club

BY JAMES TOWNSEND
News Editor

A sudden rustle in the branches nearby stops them dead in their tracks, with nothing but the chirping of tropical birds in the distance. A group of young adventurers take aim on source of the noise, a small monkey perched on a tree ahead and suddenly fire.

But no shots ring out and the monkey is unharmed. The only shooting that will happen today is that of a dozen cameras trained on the animals at the Salisbury Zoo.

Although their expeditions are local, the view through the camera's lens is enough to convince you that you are deep in the jungles of Central America, watching a pair of macaw parrots canoodle above.

The zoo isn't the only destination either. This semester the Photo Club plans on visiting the Pemberton Park and Ocean City.

Every other Tuesday, members reconvene to compare their latest pictures in a photo critique. Each meeting is based on a theme, such as wildlife, self portraits and edited photographs.

Although a critique sounds daunting, the Photo Club makes the process fun and enlightening. As president Jules Waxman flips through the uploaded pieces on the classroom's projector, members are free to say anything they'd like to appraise the photo.

Comments are almost always positive and focus on good use of composition, color tones and subject matter.

Constructive criticism includes advice on where to crop, drop the contrast or saturate the color.

If these terms seem at all confusing, spending a few weeks with the Photo Club is sure to change that.

Each meeting, experienced members teach other club members new techniques. Last semester, lessons covered topics of every skill range, such as High-Dynamic Range photography, the ever-useful rule of thirds and the basic "what do the buttons on my camera do?"

The Photo Club is perfect for students with any level of interest in photography, regardless of camera type or skill level.

When it comes down to it, whether you are a first time photographer armed with a camera phone or a seasoned professional with the latest technology, the club is all about students who enjoy seeing how others see the world, with photography as the window.

James Townsend photo

A small monkey curiously observes the photographers gathered outside his cage at the Salisbury Zoo.

Events!

Tuesday Feb. 14
-Last day to sign up online to particiapte in spring Formal Recruitment.
-Cupid's Sundae Bar in The Rotunda 4:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15
-Sorority Formal Recruitment begins! in the Fireside Lounge at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16
-Perdue School Junior Orientation in the Wicomico Room 3:30-5p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18
-Salisbury University Gospel Choir Holloway Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19
-Formal Recruitment Ends

Monday, Feb. 20
-President's Day Lunch in The Bistro 11a.m.- 2 p.m.
-Poster Sale in Fireside Lounge from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Health Report

New law on contraceptives causes controversy among religious groups.

BY SARAH WOODS
Health Columnist

Under the 2010 health care law, religious organizations were not required to provide free contraceptives to their employees. Currently, religious organizations have until 2013 to comply with new legislation, in which they will incur government-imposed penalties if they do not offer contraception as part of their health care plans.

The Obama administration released a compromise last Friday stating that it will not require employers to pay for contraception, but the insurance companies will still be required to provide it to those individuals who request access. Opponents to the legislation say this increase in cost to the insurance companies will be passed on to the employers who subscribe to the plans, forcing them to indirectly pay for the "free" contraceptives.

The Catholic Church and other religious organizations that employ thousands of workers say they do not want to pay into a policy that goes against their beliefs.

One of the most serious issues is the misinformation that has been widely reported to the public about which medications can cause abortions and which cannot.

The misinformation stems from a difference in the definition of abortion. The Catholic Church believes life begins once the sperm fertilizes the egg, and therefore anything that causes the fertilized egg to cease development is an abortion.

Most of the medical community believes that life begins once the fertilized egg has completed the process of embedding itself, so only after that is it considered an abortion.

There are several pharmaceutical contraception options, and depending on a person's particular definition of abortion, a certain method of contraception may or may not cause an abortion.

The most common form of prescription contraception, "The Pill" works by altering a woman's hormone levels. One type of pill thins the lining of the uterus and could prevent a fertilized egg from embedding. This would cause an abortion by Catholic definition, but not by medical definition.

The most controversial type of contraception, Plan B or "The Morning After Pill," is often called "The Abortion Pill" by the media. Plan B is classified as emergency contraception.

The type of pill used specifically to cause abortions is chemically different from Plan B. The main function of Plan B is to prevent ovulation, preventing the sperm from fertilizing the egg. A possible side effect of Plan B could prevent an already fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus, qualifying for the Catholic definition of abortion. However, following the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services definition of abortion, Plan B cannot cause abortion.

Detailed information about the physiology of contraception can be found at advocatesforyouth.org. State-specific information on legislation regarding emergency contraception can be located at the website for the National Conference of State Legislatures at ncsl.org.

The Flyer Valentines 2011

To the Gull Life Editor:
I hope you don't mind that I put down in words how wonderful life is while youre in the world.
-your "secret" admirer

LOVE MY SISTERS ALL IN ALPHA SIGMA TAU!

#OCCUPYVDAY

AEUDUM

Erin Traylor, you are the total package. Never stop being the best. Love, your secret admirer

I <3 Manokin so much!

Olive Sophie
-From Ron

Dear Kate,
Please don't hurt me. Happy Valentine'es day!
You str unbelievasbly beautiful. !
Love, Theo

to: Leroy,
The best husband in the whole world. Thanks for all the unconditional love you give, I am blessed beyong measure and thank Jesus for your life and love.
-Sheree <3

To: Princess Al
Wishing you a happy valentines day! You're one of the best RD's ever. I'm so glad youre in my life.
from your secret valentine

to Seagull Square RA's
You are all amazing!
Thank you <3 Hua

Katie B is too good to be true...can't take my eyes off you.

gabrielle jones,
you are my muse.
Happy first Valentine's Day.
-Family Day

How wonderful life is, now you're in the world.
<3 GJH

Steven, It's been a year and a half since we first met and now I feel so blessed to call you mine. Happy first valentines day baby.
Love forever, Amanda

Lobs, you wrapped me up in tissue paper, threw me down the elevator, let me know when I'm being risque. I love you mommy, happy valentines day!

Happy Valentines day Salib Yoler.
"Hey Sally B"
<3 your secret valentine

Mary is a beautiful, amazing, caring individual. Will she ever love me back!?
-Anonymous

To: Johnathan. Ali, Jeff, James, Carrie
I love you all! Even Carrie who I do not know very well. Your valentine's day present is going to see Star Wars.
Love always, Ariel

Good luck with recruitment Phi Mu, Delta Gamma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau ladies!

Tammy & Don,
Happy Valentine's Day you two.
You guys are beautiful <3

Love Is your soul's recognition in it's counter part.
<3
Love lifts us up where we belong; Where eagles fly, on a mountain high.
Love makes us act like we are fools; throw our lives away for one happy day.

Happy Valentines day to Billie Joe Armstrong, will you marry me??? please?
<3 Angela Grace Laurienzo

Dear Tracy,
I am forever blessed to have you in my life. without you I am nothing.
Cory

Thank you for everything you've done for Greeks, Sara Lowery!

ΣΠ LOVES AΣT

Grab your broom and come throw some balls, every Friday at 3 in the quad - Love the Quidditch team

Skip
Happy Valentine's day from your "favorite" NITE TIME CASHIERS
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PI LAMB LOVES AST

Beta Tau all day eryday! <3
Alpha Sigma Tau

Shawn, you may love #52 but you'll always be my #1. Love you

Happy valentines day Phi Mu, Delta Gamma, and Zeta Tau Alpha!
Love, Alpha Sigma Tau <3

Thank you for being my taxi, sister, best friend & roomate!
you are incredible!
Love you Maggaroo!

Happy Valentin's Day to Sara Lowery!
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Have a great day
OSAOL LOVES YOU!

SUFLYER 4 LYFE

Thanks for being an awesome roomate! Love you Kelly Sorensen!

LOVE

Sarah K,
Crazy Kitten you are a great friend love ya! always making me smile!

To Elizabeth Hallett,
It's always better when we're together. Life without you is unthinkable. Happy 2 years.
Yours truly, Russel G.

AJ JACKSON, Dearest Graduate, I love you and you inspire me. Grazie for glamaction and making every day valentines day.
-Megan Rosario

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meow,meow,meow,meow,meow....I love you more than anything in the world. I'm so glad you came into my life. I can't wait for waht our future holds and where it will take us. Sniff Sniff sniff Sniff. Rawr raw, rawr, rawr, rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr rawr.
Happy Valentines day
-Denny

Happy valentines day to all my beatiful SU POMMIES!
love, Jess Escobar

Schoops,
I love you more everyday. rawr raur happy valentines day!

AC, you are panacea, lcyriolexy, callipygian, but forred no great thing is created suddenly.
RM

To Ryan, Here's to many more adventures. Happy Valentine's day, hun!
xoxo -Bianca

Dear Miss Barbara,
It makes my day when you give me a hug.
You are awesome!

To the beautiful ladies of the flyer,
Love, TJ Mowers

Renard,
Happy first valentine's day.
Heres to many more to come.
I love you.
Briana

Happy Valentines day Leanna!
What up little Dawg.
Hope you not too embarassed lol
Matt

SEXUAL HEALING
& MIDGETS
<3333 KIMMISH

To Ariel Schwartz
From Jonathan
Come to Star Wars!

To my beautiful Alpha Sigma Tau Sweethearts,
We love you so much!
From ΣAE

Ashley you are so beatiful to me heres a poem:
roses are red
violets are blue
your fav color is purple
and you're awesome.

Babyboy, you still make the 4 of spades wish it were a 5.
Love your Babygirl.

JULES,
YOUR HAIR, RED AND FULL AS MY OWN HEART,
EACH STRAND A JEWEL UNWOVEN.
-TIM

SPORTS

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Bradman drafted 18th to MLL

BY JUSTIN ODENDHAL
Photo Editor

Justin Odendhal photo
Sam Bradman winds up for a shot during the 2011 War on the Shore game against Washington College.

Nothing ever seems to be enough for Sam Bradman.

In the last three years on SU's lacrosse team, he's won countless awards, including two All-American call outs and a 2010 Midfielder of the Year award. Even now, after being selected 18th overall by the Long Island Lizards during the Major League Lacrosse draft in January, Bradman still wants to put his mark on Sea Gull lore.

"I'm just another person out here," said the senior captain. "I have to lead by example."

Bradman may think he's just another person on the field, but statistics say otherwise; he's averaged more than three points a game with the Sea Gulls during his career. In last May's NCAA D3 Championship, Bradman outgunned an entire Tufts Jumbos team with eight points, earning Most Outstanding Player honors in the 19-7 win.

Despite his success on the D3 level, Bradman was still seen as a talent when drafted by the Lizards. Bradman is thought of as too small to play with the larger, more physical players that dominate the pro game. Not a worry to Bradman, who recognizes the challenge with a confidence stemming from his youth in New York where he took on the older players.

"I think he's going to surprise some people," said SU lacrosse Coach Jim Berkman. "I actually thought he was going to go a little higher."

Size isn't all in Berkman's eyes, but speed and knowledge that can make a player like Bradman succeed. He said he expects Bradman to do just as he did at SU, by evading defenders and taking his experience of the indoor and outdoor game to the pros.

"His athleticism is there," Berkman said. "He has a tremendous lacrosse IQ."

Having one ring and the distinction of being the highest SU player to be drafted since Justin Smith in 2005 isn't enough for Bradman. He wants another championship before moving on.

The journey won't be easy though, the whole team knows about the target on their back and the perceived holes in the roster after graduating one of the strongest defensive crews last season. Bradman said he disagrees with those who think scoring will come easy though.

"I thought it would be the goalie and the D, but it's not a problem after seeing them out there," Bradman said.

The team will learn quickly if the new players in the back will be able to hold; the Gulls play three top 20 teams in the first five games: home against Lynchburg and Roanoke and then down to battle the Bullets in Gettysburg.

With a 19-6 win over Greensboro on Sunday, Bradman and the rest of his senior class are trying to make the most of their final season. Despite being drafted, Bradman still "feels like a sophomore," not wanting the Sea Gull ride to end.

Softball team refuels to continue winning ways

BY MARK ECKARD
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's softball team moves closer into the 2012 season with the No. 8 ranking in the nation from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's 2012 Division III Top 25 Preseason Poll.

Along with this distinction comes high expectations after a season in which they posted an impressive 36-6 record, falling to Christopher Newport University in the regional finals. With only two seniors on this year's squad, pitcher Erika Brittingham and third baseman Casey Zaino, the underclassmen will be expected to step up in a big way for the Sea Gulls.

Brittingham returns for her senior season after she went 24-3 with 31 appearances last year and Easton Fastpitch All American honors. She finished 2011 first in hits allowed per seven innings with 2.32, second in Division III in shutouts with 12 and fourth in strikeouts with 274.

"Our team is young and we, as the only seniors, are working extra hard to motivate everyone to get to the place we need to be come Feb. 24," Brittingham said. "However, we have had a lot of juniors step up and become the role models that we need them to be on the team."

Along with Brittingham, the Sea Gulls have sophomore Kathryn Larson who, Coach Knight said, has not only picked up speed on her variety of pitches but also been hitting her spots at a more consistent rate. She is in line to see a significant amount of playing time this season.

"Everyone has come into this season with a great work ethic and in such good shape, and our returners have become a step quicker than last year," said Head Coach Margie Knight. "We are hitting well, making contact with the pitch early, and that's always important."

This year's squad features more speed than the 2011 team and an extremely talented group of hitters led by sophomore first baseman Harley Hill. Hill, who became a staple to the lineup, started all 42 games last season and batted .428 with 65 hits, 39 runs scored and 34 RBI's.

A staple second base, junior Carly Read is returns as a front-line defensive stopper up the middle for the Sea Gulls. While at the plate, she hopes to improve upon her .274 batting average, 26 hits and 20 RBI's she posted in last year.

The outfield is led by juniors Sara Alpaugh and Lindsay McCabe, who both bring speed and power to the Gulls' lineup and in the field defensively.

This year's schedule is loaded with tough games including two against preseason nationally ranked opponents No. 3 Christopher Newport University and No. 25 Virginia Wesleyan, and, as always, play will be difficult within the CAC as the Gulls look to repeat as conference champions.

The team begins its journey for a national championship on Feb. 24 at the Methodist Tournament in Fayetteville, N.C., where they will take on Piedmont College at 11 a.m. and Roanoke College at 1 p.m.

Athlete Spotlight

SU Athletics photo

MIKE MACZKO

BY ALEXANDRIA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Salisbury University men's basketball player Mike Maczko is one of the most influential leaders on the court this season. Being a leader and role model to all those around him, he has been one of the keys to the Sea Gulls success so far. Mike is a Bel Air native who is playing his last year at SU, averaging 12.8 points a game so far.

How is your outlook on the basketball season thus far?
"Right now we are just trying to stay positive. We are fighting to get a playoff spot. We have a great group of guys and coaching staff."

What is the most important thing you have learned from playing on the team?
"I have learned to work with new people. We have so many new players and a new coach. I think we have great opportunities."

What do you feel was your biggest win of the season so far?
"Winning against No. 1 ranked Virginia Wesleyan was a great moment for us, especially because we were coming into the season unranked."

Do you have any pre-game rituals?
"(I) probably listen to Drake and just get focused for the task at hand."

What are your team goals for the season?
"To gain a playoff spot and to win a CAC Championship by staying humble and not getting ahead of ourselves."

Who is your favorite basketball player and why?
"Dirk Nowitzki is my favorite player because he is a great example of a good leader, and he helps to make others around him on the team better."

As a senior, what will you miss most about SU and the men's basketball program?
"I'll miss the guys on the team the most. Throughout the season we were always together. My teammates are a great group of guys."

Men's tennis serves competition to start season

BY JOSH BOND
Staff Writer

Tennis athletes from all along the mid-Atlantic gathered at Salisbury University this past weekend to compete in the 15th Annual Sea Gull Open.

The Open gave the SU men's team an opportunity to showcase its abilities before opening the regular season play.

The men's open singles tournament, which consisted of 28 athletes, included nine SU players and two assistant coaches. Also, participating in the open doubles tournament was Head Coach Randy Halfpap, who was in charge of the event. Halfpap was more concerned with getting his players prepared for the regular season than the games' outcomes.

"Experience is definitely number one," Coach Halfpap said. "And there is no better way to get into shape than play a three-set match."

Seven different members of the Sea Gull's team and coaching staff won games in the 28-man bracket. The most impressive wins came from freshman newcomer Daniel Albers and hard-hitting senior Daniel Barnas. Barnas is currently ranked the 14th best singles player in the Atlantic South Region.

Albers played in the first game of the tournament and won with ease, defeating his opponent by scores of 6-2 and 6-0. He then went on to win his next game before coming up short in the quarterfinals. Overall, Albers played magnificently in his season debut.

"My serve was working well, and I was hitting good forehands," Albers said.

Barnas earned a bye in the first round of the tournament. He took advantage of the extra rest by dominating his first competitor with a 6-0 and 6-1 win.

Arguably Barnas's best win came against one of SU's assistant coaches, Steve Soliday. The match was highly competitive as Barnas narrowly won by scores of 6-4 and 7-5.

"My serve gave me a lot of free points and put away shots," Barnas said. "I had to come up with big shots at the right time."

Sophomore Shane Gunther, junior Adam Goldberger and senior Curtis Quandt also picked up wins for the Sea Gulls.

The Sea Gulls will start their regular season on March 3 as they take on in-state conference opponents University of Maryland-Eastern Shore and Hood College.

Justin Odendhal photo
Senior Dan Baranas returns a serve during the 15th Annual Sea Gull Open on Saturday.

Baseball looks to bring home hardware

BY ANDREW CANTOR
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Entering the season ranked No. 9 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason poll, the SU baseball team has high expectations as they are coming off of a College World Series run that was abruptly halted by Keystone College.

"Last year's run gave us a great deal of experience as to what it takes to play at an elite level and be a successful team," said junior pitcher Andrew Levy. "Continuing that type of play as well as further developing our young guys and transfers will put us in a great position at the end of the season."

It is young guys like Bill Root who will play a big role for the Sea Gulls in the spring. Root is coming off of a historic freshman campaign in which he was named to the All-South Rawlings Gold Glove team, recognizing his play in centerfield, which included committing just one error last spring. Root also excelled in the leadoff position at the plate, as he led the team with a .379 batting average.

"We have to just keep doing what we have been doing, which is getting better everyday we step on the field," Root said. "We have great coaches and players who are willing to do everything they can to get to that final game of the season."

The Sea Gulls have some big games circled on the calendar, with four match-ups against top 25-ranked ball clubs in the country. The first of those games will occur on Feb. 19 when No. 5 State University of Cortland comes to play the Sea Gulls at home. Other top 25 games include Shenandoah University and two against Christopher Newport University.

"It is imperative for us to have key wins this year against teams like CNU, Cortland and Shenandoah," Levy said. "Our previous success against the top teams in the nation drive us to strive for ultimate success and show us what type of baseball is required for National Championship contention."

The team looks primed for the task at hand, with the ultimate goal being a College World Series title.

"We are feeling very confident as a team," Root said. "We played very well last year and won't accept anything less this time around."

The men kick off the season with a home game against Virginia Wesleyan College on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Sudoku answer

1	5	9	6	7	3	2	8	4
7	6	4	2	8	5	3	9	1
2	3	8	9	1	4	7	5	6
8	9	6	3	5	7	1	4	2
3	1	5	8	4	2	9	6	7
4	7	2	1	9	6	8	3	5
6	8	7	4	2	9	5	1	3
9	2	3	5	6	1	4	7	8
5	4	1	7	3	8	6	2	9

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Salisbury Sports Calendar

Wednesday - 2/15

*Basketball vs. Va. Wesleyan at 2 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Hood at 6 p.m.
*Men's Basketball vs. Hood at 8 p.m.

Friday - 2/17

*Swimming vs. CAC Championships @ St. Mary's City, Md. at 10 a.m.

Saturday - 2/18

*Swimming vs. CAC Championships @ St. Mary's City, Md. at 10 a.m.
*Basketball @ Gallaudet (Riverdale Recreation Center Field) at 12 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
*Men's Lacrosse vs. Lynchburg at 1p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. York (Pa.) at 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. York (Pa.) at 4 p.m.

Sunday - 2/19

*Swimming vs. CAC Championships @ St. Mary's City, Md. at 10 a.m.
*Track & Field vs. CAC Indoor Championships @ Fairfax, Va. at 9a.m.
*Basketball vs. Cortland St. at 1 p.m.

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